## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

### FIRs through E-mail

*142. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government is considering any proposal which will enable police stations to receive FIRs through e-mail from the citizens thereby bringing in transparency in the citizen-police interface in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

### Power Position in Gujarat

*151. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power shortage continues in Gujarat despite taking steps in this regard;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total requirement, availability and shortage of power as on June 30, 2003 in Gujarat; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to meet the shortage of power in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) Yes, Sir. Power shortage continues in Gujarat. Average energy shortage during April-June, 2003, as ascertained from Gujarat Electricity Board was of the order of 12.7% and peaking shortage 18.7%.